

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY  
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT  
NUMBER 1 ON BOB HOPE RD MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136 (305) 545-9400  
INVESTIGATION REPORT

M.E. CASE NO. 88-3093 A  
DATE OCT/24/88

BLACK, BARBARA ANN ( REMAINS, UNKNOWN )  
25 BLACK FEMALE DOB MAY/03/63  
L/K/A 621 NW 73 LANE, MIAMI, FLA.  
PLACE OF DEATH: 7310 NW 8 AVE., MIAMI, FLA.  
TIME OF DEATH: FOUND 4:15PM OCT/24/88

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: METRO #542563-I /CAPETILLO

INCIDENT LOCATION: 7310 NW 8 AVE., MIAMI, FLA.  
OCT/24/88 PM SCENE M.E. ROGER E. MITTELMAN MD

HISTORY:

JEB

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT THIS TIME.

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE FROM FINGER PRINTS AT METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 25, 1988. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER #381-78-1790.

CAUSE OF DEATH: ASPHYXIA. REFILED: 05/10/89-DJM.

MANNER: HOMICIDE DATE AUTOPSY OCT/25/88 BY ROGER E. MITTELMAN MD

MORTUARY: TILLMAN JEB

## DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

## CLASSIFICATION OF PENDING CASE

(THIS FORM IS TO BE USED BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER WHEN A PENDING CASE IS TO BE CLASSIFIED. MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS AN APPROVAL BY EITHER THE CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER BEFORE COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FORMS AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY THE STATE.)

M.E. Case # 88-3093

Name (if known) Black, Barbara

Cause of Death:  
(Item 24)

Asphyxied

Due to:

Due to:

Contributory Cause:

Manner of Death:  
(Item 27a)

Homicide

How Incident Occurred:  
(Item 27d)

Dec'd asphyxiated by other person(s)

Rationale for Classification:

Barbara Black, a 25 1/10 BIF, was found lying supine on the grass adjacent to a shade tree ~~on~~ at a residence located at 7310 N.W. 8<sup>th</sup> ave. She was naked except for a tube top pulled below her breasts. Across the street in a field, other similar clothing items (Bikini Shorts, Panties, socks, sneakers) were found clustered + adjacent to a tree. Ms. Black was last seen alive Fri. at 6:30 PM at her mother's house where she lived (few blocks away). She stated that she was going to stay with her girlfriend and left home with a small suitcase (not located at scene). Her body was found Oct 24, 1988 (Tuesday) in a state of moderate decomposition (see photos).

- Background
- 1) Drug use - crack, marijuana
  - 2) Prostitutes
  - 3) Field where clothing found is where prostitutes do business
  - 4) No known enemies
  - 5) Review of Hospital Record (JMH) - H/O Dental abscess (7/88)  
H/O Amenorrhea

(over)

Medical Examiner

No significant medical illness  
M - D - Y  
Date

Approved by JX Davis

4/20/89  
M - D - Y  
Date

4/27/89 2pm  
Det. Captain notified via message  
perp

- Autopsy
- 1) Decomposition (moderate)
  - 2) No neck, extremity, no genital and trauma
  - 3) (R) lateral incisor chipped but no corresponding oral trauma. Edges where tooth is chipped are sharp.
  - 4) Heart 190 gm - No gross abnormalities/microscopic is not remarkable except for mild fibrosis of (R) atrial wall in vicinity of SA node\*, SA node not identified due to Sampling but AV node was identified & is not remarkable ~~fibrotic~~\* shown to Dr. mohler.
  - 5) Pulmonary congestion 460 gm (R), 490 gm (L)
  - 6) NO Petechiae (of conjunctiva, larynx, ~~skin~~ <sup>upper airways</sup>)

T.O.) (1) pleural fluid cocaine / BE

(2) Brain Cocaine / BE

Brain ETOH .07%

No drugs detected except Dextromethorphan (antihistamine)  
(No quant. except that the < 1 mg/L)  
i.e. not high

### Manner of death

Evidence for Natural, Suicide → none

Evidence for Accident i.e.o.D.

1) None

i.e. TOX(-)

except for H2O  
Drug abuse

1) Toxicology screens do not cover every conceivable drug

2) cocaine breaks down after death but no evidence whatsoever of cocaine / BE in body

### For Homicide

1) Naked woman outdoors a remote from site of prostitution / clothing across street

against Homicide

1) None

2) Suitcase missing

3) Did not reach intended destination

4) No evidence for N, S, A of any significance

to detract from facts that 1 + 2 + 3 constitute highly suspicious

5) also circumstances of death

(crack user prostitution)

Cause of Death) Four Homicide which can leave no marks on Body i.e. Asphyxia Pattern # 1/2/89

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CAUSE OF DEATH: PENDING FURTHER STUDIES.

MANNER: UNCLASSIFIED DATE AUTOPSY OCT/25/88 BY ROGER E. MITTLEMAN MD

MORTUARY: JEB

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REMAINS, UNKNOWN

U BLACK FEMALE DOB  
U

PLACE OF DEATH: 7310 NW 8 AVE., MIAMI, FLA.

TIME OF DEATH: FOUND 4:35PM OCT/24/88

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10/25/88

Pending further studies  
unclassified

R Mittelman

CAUSE OF DEATH:

MANNER: DATE AUTOPSY OCT/25/88 BY ROGER E. MITTLEMAN MD

MORTUARY:

JEB

## DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name..BLACK, Barbara Ann.....Case No. 88-3093

## SCENE INVESTIGATION

DATE: Oct. 24, 1988  
LOCATION: 7310 N.W.8th Ave., Miami, FL.  
TIME ARRIVED AT SCENE: 7 p.m.  
POLICE AGENCY: MDPD  
LEAD INVESTIGATOR: Ofc. Capetillo

## INITIAL INFORMATION:

The resident at the above address went out to do yard work whereupon she discovered the deceased lying in the grass. The decedent is clad in a turquoise tube top. Across the street near a tree there is a pair of black shoes and shorts which have colors resembling the tube top.

## OBSERVATIONS OF SURROUNDINGS:

It is time of sunset and flashlights are used for auxillary lighting. The temperature is pleasant and it is dry. The body is found in the southeast corner of a yard at the above address. There is a large tree which the body is adjacent next to such that the body would be in the shade. No blood splatter is observed associated with the body. On the east side of N.W.8th Avenue there is a large tree and at the root of the tree is an article of clothing which I am told is a pair of shorts and a pair of black shoes. On the ground adjacent to the latter tree is a pair of blue socks which are widely separated from one another.

## OBSERVATIONS OF VICTIM (S):

The decedent is lying supine on the grass adjacent to the shade tree on the southeastern portion of the property. A turquoise tube top is about her trunk. The body is otherwise nude. The head is turned to the right and there is prominent darkening of the skin on the right front of the neck as well as that side of the neck. The central portion of the face is darkened and dry. No traumatic injuries are evident about the body. The body has moderate decompositional change as manifested by bloating, venous suggillation and skin slippage, as well as darkening of portions of the skin. There is a large and small maggot activity with numerous maggot eggs. There is mild rigor mortis of the elbows and knees. The head is without perceivable rigor. The head is warm to the touch; however, the remainder of the body is cool to the touch. On the head and neck there is abundant maggot activity. On the right ear is a circular gold colored earring. The post for the earring is found on the ground by the head. No earring is noted on the left ear.

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SCENE IMPRESSION (INCLUDING PROBABLE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH):

Unclassified

NOTE: The foregoing is of a speculative nature and subject  
to modification pending additional information and  
investigation.

 10/26/88

ROGER E. MITTLEMAN, M.D.  
Associate Medical Examiner

REM:mu

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY  
Office of the Medical Examiner  
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Police Case No. 542563-I

88-3093

NAME OF THE DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Race B Sex F

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Death 7310 N.W. 8 Ave (S.E. corner front yard)

Death Occurred \_\_\_\_\_ - 19\_\_\_\_\_, M. in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

or Found Dead 10-24 1984, 4:15 p M. by JOHNSON, Ruenett (7310 N.W. 8 Ave)

Identified by \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time Viewed by Investigator 10-24 1988, M. Medical Examiner at Scene \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORY: (What happened just prior to death and when was victim last seen alive?) ACCORDING TO THE REPORTER MRS Ruenett JOHNSON, ON MONDAY october 24, 1988, SHE LEFT HER Residence AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 AM. UPON RETURNING TO HER Residence AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30PM WHILE WATERING HER front lawn. SHE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DEAD ANIMAL. MS. JOHNSON GOT closer SHE DISCOVERED THE Victim LAYING SUPINE ON THE GROUND Deceased. MRS JOHNSON THEN REACHED TO 7330 N.W. 8 Ave IN ORDER TO USE THE PHONE TO Summon Police, Possible manner of death UNCLASS

If Violent Death: Date/Time of Incident \_\_\_\_\_ - 19\_\_\_\_\_, M. Weapon/Cat. \_\_\_\_\_

Exact Location/Address of Incident 7310 N.W. 8 Ave (S.E. corner of the front yard) At work N/A  
(Specify Street, Parking Lot, Bar etc.)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Clothing Blue tube top.

Position/Location of Body: Supine N.W./S.E Axis HEAD to the N.W.

Lividity: Yes ✓ No \_\_\_\_\_ Consistent \_\_\_\_\_ Body Heat: Warm: \_\_\_\_\_ Cool ✓ Cold \_\_\_\_\_

Rigor Mortis: None \_\_\_\_\_ Slight ✓ Full \_\_\_\_\_ Decomposition: None \_\_\_\_\_ Slight ✓ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_

Trauma: Yes ✓ No 8 Describe Post mortem insect bites

To the Victim's FACE AND BACK Regions

NAMES OF DOCTORS/HOSPITALS who attended deceased during life: UNK

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN: UNK Relation \_\_\_\_\_

Address UNK Telephone UNK Notified: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Valuables and Disposition None handled Medication to M.E.: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Investigating Agency MOPD Report Submitted by DET. A. CAPETI/16 Date: 10-24 1988 6:30 p.m.

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DATE 10/10/88  
mo. day yr.

9:30 Am  
time

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Re: Black, Barbara <sup>15#</sup> 381-78-1790

checked Bresser's for a phone number for the deceased. At the address 621 n.w. 73rd Lane, phone 754-6604 listed to Barbara Black.

The person answering the phone advised that she has been living at the present address for about six (6) months, the address was not 621 n.w. 73rd Lane, she did not know a person whose name was Barbara Black.

C.E Taylor

9:35 Called J.M.H.

Med. Records — # 111 5549 was requested.

C.E Taylor

11:30 Am

From J.M.H. Records:

Phone number for a neighbor (no name) 756-0446  
Phone rang - no answer.

11:45 A 10/10/88 - No answer  
Called J.M.H. from

Audrey Checked for additional records, discharge sheet - summary.

C.E Taylor

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11:55 AM  
time

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Reference: Blacky Barbara  
from J.M.H. Records.  
Ronald Jackson — 576-1786  
called, line busy. — C.E. Taylor —

## MESSAGE CONFIRMATION

OCT-24-'88 MON 19:07

TERM ID: MEDICAL EXAMINER P-9999  
TEL NO: 305 545 2400 EXT3418

NO.	DATE	ST. TIME	TOTAL TIME	ID:	DEPT	CODE	OK	NG
422	10-24	19:06	00' 00' 41	1 305 326 7139 0001			01	00

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5:45 P/m  
time

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mDPP  
# 655

Homicide

7310 NW 8 Ave.

Dr. Mittelman notified  
Prof. notified

5:55 Pm  
6:27 Pm

27<sup>IV</sup> - 83<sup>II</sup> # ETA - 6:35 Pm

Wagon

Mar 4  
7:05 Pm

J. Burns

MEDICAL EXAMINERS DEPARTMENT  
1050 N.W. 19 STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

CRIME SCENE SEARCH DETAIL

POLICE AGENCY METRO POLICE

MEDICAL EXAMINER CASE # 88-3093

DATE 10-24-88

POLICE (AGENCY) CASE # 542563-I

TIME 8:50 PM

NAME OF DECEASED BLACK, BARBARA ANN

FOLLOW-UP PROCESSING COMPLETED:

- ( FINGERPRINTING ( ) BLOOD STANDARD  
( PALM PRINTING ( ) NEUTRON ACTIVATION  
( ) FINGERNAIL SCRAPINGS ( ) CLOTHING  
( ) HAIR STANDARD COLLECTION ( ) PHOTOGRAPH  
( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Det. R. Capetello - J.W. 109  
ID TECHNICIAN / OFFICER MB.P.D.

POSITIVE ID BY FINGERPRINTS MADE ON \_\_\_\_\_

UNDER THE NAME OF \_\_\_\_\_

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

CALLED BY \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE

DATE: October 24, 1988

SUBJECT: ME#88-3093

*DAC*  
FROM: Douglas A. Crone  
Fingerprint Technician I  
Metro Dade Police Department

The fingerprints obtained from the deceased ME#88-3093 have been identified with fingerprints of: Black, Barbara., Black Female, DOB: 05/03/63, MDPD ID # 373574, on file with the Metro Dade Police Department, Case Number 542563-I.

DAC/mc



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6:10 Pm  
time

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Rec'd call

Det. Capetillo

Positive I.D. by Fingerprints

Barbara Ann Black  
F/K/A 621 NW 73 Lane  
D/O/B - May 3, 1963  
SS # 381-78-1790

J. Burns

## PROPERTY RECEIPT

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT  
 1050 N.W. 19th Street  
 Miami, Florida 33175  
 (305) 549-7337

M.E. CASE # 88-3093MEDICAL EXAMINER R E MITTLEMAN

(IF NOT KNOWN, USE UNK)

DECEDENT'S NAME: UNKNOWN BFAGE — RACE B SEX F TYPE OF CASE UNCLASSIFIEDPOLICE AGENCY: MOPD POLICE CASE# MOPD 542563-I

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION (itemize currency by denomination)
1	1	Serology
2	1	Bone marrow
3	1	Pleural fluid last item

~~Note: No Blood available - decomposed~~

I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all the property impounded by me in the official performance of my duty as a Medical Examiner, District 11.

Roger Mittleman

Print

R Mittleman

Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: 10/25/88

MO.

DAY

YR.

930

AM/PM.

TIME

I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all property received by/from the Medical Examiner Department.

M.E. Courier: Polly Moss

Print

Polly Moss

Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: 10 28 88

M

D

Y

10:05

AM/PM.

TIME

Receiving Party: R. Mazzario

Print

R. MazzarioMOPD

Agency

Date & Time Released: 10 28 88

MO.

DAY

YR.

11:05

AM/PM.

TIME

RECEIVED BY PRINT NAME SIGNATURE REASON DATE AND TIME RECEIVED

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(Cont'd. on back)



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REPORT: CHARTS: MEDS: BLOOD: URINE:

JEWELRY: DENTURES: CLOTHING: VALUABLES:

OTHER: Release At Chapel

AGENCY

FROM

TO

DRIVER:

ATTNDT:

UNIT:

REMARKS

Lithgow F.H.**DADE M.E.**Coffee J.B. F.H.9311  
R  
C  
V  
D OCT 26 P 1 : 25  
Jim

10/51

10/97

10/98

10/51

10/97

10/98

Lithgow  
2.41  
757-5544

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TO

DRIVER:

ATTNDT:

UNIT:

REMARK

Lithgow F.H.**DADE M.E.**J.B. Coffee  
54th St Chapel

9312

R  
C  
V  
D OCT 26 P 1 : 25  
Jim

10/51

10/97

10/98

10/51

10/97

10/98



TILLMAN  
RIVER VIEW FUNERAL HOME  
9150 N.W. 17th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33150

## AUTHORIZATION

I hereby designate the above-named funeral establishment to take charge of funeral arrangements for: Barbara Black, and I authorize the release and removal of the remains to said funeral establishment for the purpose of embalming and/or other scientific preparation.

I represent that I am the next of kin, or am acting as a duly authorized agent for the next of kin.

Signed: Fronce C Black

Relationship: Mother

Co-Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS: DATE:

Marie M. Pierre 10-26-88

### FOR VERBAL (TELEPHONE) AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization from: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

DECEASED'S VALUABLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORD

NAME OF DECEASED Unknown M.E. CASE NO. 88-3093

TIME 7:40 PM DATE 10-24-88

AGE JKA. RACE B SEX F HEIGHT 5-2

WEIGHT (with clothes) \_\_\_\_\_ (without clothes) 93 lbs. (with wet clothes) \_\_\_\_\_

FINGERPRINTED: YES Decomp. NO \_\_\_\_\_

MALE	CLOTHES	FEMALE
SHOES	SHOES	STOCKINGS
JACKET	COAT	SWEATER
TIE	DRESS	BLOUSE
TROUSERS	SHORTS	SLACKS
UNDERSHIRT	T SHIRT	SLIP
PAJAMAS	UNDERSHORTS	PANTIES
DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____	TRUSS	CORSET
MISCELLANEOUS		BRA
	PAJAMAS	GOWN
	DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____	
	MISCELLANEOUS	(Blue) Tube Top

VALUABLES  
(List all money, jewelry, keys, personal papers & other valuables)

No Val

RECEIVED BY Clark A. Jackson MORGUE ATTENDANT WITNESS John Malbran

REMOVED FROM M.E. OFFICE BY

BODY John Malbran REPRESENTING Lobbyist FBI DATE 10-26-88 TIME 3:00

CLOTHES " REPRESENTING " DATE " TIME "

VALUABLES \_\_\_\_\_ REPRESENTING \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

88-3893

Jackson Leon Black

Handwriting Notes: interesting,

11 Telephone Calls,

ER

Dhr

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mo. day yr.

time \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE	
No 001996	
DATE CALL RECEIVED	TIME
<u>10-28-88</u>	<u>10:10</u>
WHO CALLED	
<u>Mrs. Black</u>	
FIRM	
<u>Mother</u>	
CITY, STATE	
PHONE	AREA CODE
<u>157-1274</u>	<u>WORK</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME	
<u>11:30 - 1:30</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME	
CALL TAKEN BY	
<u>JW</u>	

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT  
1050 N.W. 19th STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136

MESSAGE  
FOR ....

REM

REBORN

RE: # 88-3093

Barbara Black.

DAY-TIMERS RE-ORDER No. 3214 — Printed in USA

10/29/88 1052 AM tried to call - no ans.

Sony

10/29/88 1231PM - called - told that  
no one by that name works  
at the above #

Sony

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11/11/88 3PM

Per Lt. Wonderly:

Dec'd was a hooker, last seen alive a few days prior to death. H/o crack usage, no known enemies, clothing not torn. Field where chatting found its sites where hookers do business at night. Pending Rape Kit.

case discussed

DM

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11/4/88

Status of case

Pending Police investigation

Pending T&T



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11/10/88      88-3093      JMH  
to DMK

~~Please check JMH for medical history~~

Call Family for medical ~~history~~  
<sup>? signs</sup>

no phone no available that are useable

Plan - completed

    F Rape kit results - Police  
    Completion of Police investigation

Sam

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11/10/88

- called MDPD

left message for Det Capetillo  
? PMH victim

*Det*

11/11/88, 813 AM

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*Det*

§ Marijuana user /

- poss. of cocaine - by criminal  
- as per surgeon - uses crack (moderate  
user)

- No Medical Hx
- last seen alive → was smoking crack & marijuana  
to girlfriend house
- Found near - where she lives 621 NW 73 lane  
(Monday)

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For Sgt Fisher et wonderly

- Hooker, last seen alive a few days ago  
chack user, no known enemies  
clothing not torn

field knife used for set by local hookers

theory about  
use by  
hooker

{ ? to enjoyed  
? more flashy about  
payment

↑ HR during sexual activity + cocaine → cardiovascular  
problems  
legs spread as common of eating

RSM

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Tot discussed w/ Dr. Hern

Brain                 ETCH > chv decomps  
+  
See pleural fluid

Pleural fluid cocaine BE  $\ominus$

Brain cocaine  $\ominus$

- all other tests  $\ominus$  for drugs

- ~~See~~ request BE Brain as  
final S/I for cocaine

R Emitta

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE

No 002400

DATE CALL RECEIVED 11-16-88 TIME 10:55

WHO CALLED

Andrea Walker  
FIRM  
Miami News

CITY, STATE

PHONE 376-3131 AREA CODE

RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME

WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME

CALL TAKEN BY

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MESSAGE  
FOR ....

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RECORD

RE: 88-3093

Barbara Black

DAY-TIMERS RE-ORDER No. 3214 — Printed in USA

11/16/88 Q-CO1

~~Referred~~ A - Case pending Police  
& Toxicology

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11/28/88 1150 AM

Pet Andy Capetillo, n.PPD

- last seen alive on Fri while smoking cocaine while with friend "partying".
- no known enemies
- Reg. uses field for business
- Crim. record for aggr. assault & cocaine possession.

- residents recognize dec'd as a <sup>local</sup> prostitute
- No purse or items in clothing but habit of hookers is not to take any money to field - stay <sup>mostly</sup> for getting cash or crack cocaine
- H/o Marijuana

Alans - Frank Tot

JSM

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12/6/88

- Case discussed w/ B. Flores (fdx)
- Pending B S - Brain



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Pending Brain BE  
discuss crw  
Derry

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- B S Brown -

- ? Fentanyl - Not to be ordered

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3/20/89

Status of case

- 1) Still no COD
- 2) Fentanyl to be done
- 3) Pending further police leads

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4/24/89 7:15PM

case discussed - Det capetillo

- No further information on case
- Dec'd was staying with mother (couple of blocks from where body was found)
- Last seen Fri. night at about 6:30 PM, she left home with small suitcase.
- clothes Found across street consist of
  - A- Bikert Shorts (color same as top on Body, wet skin fit)
  - B- Panties
  - C- Socks
  - D- Sneakers

clothing tested by serology with negative results  
Serology kit from body  $\ominus$  sperm  $\ominus$  AP  
Family does not recognize clothing

- Suitcase not found with body nor across street

R. Muller

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CAUSE OF DEATH:

*see certificate  
of Death*

ROGER E. MITTELMAN, M.D.  
Associate Medical Examiner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOXICOLOGY REPORT

BLACK, BARBARA ANN

M.E. CASE NO. 88-3093

<u>SUBSTANCE</u>	<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
ETHANOL	BRAIN	0.07%
ETHANOL	CHEST BLOOD	0.04%
BENZOYLECGONINE	BRAIN	UNDETECTED
BENZOYLECGONINE	CHEST BLOOD	UNDETECTED
DOXYLAMINE	CHEST BLOOD	DETECTED <0.2mg/L
CYANIDE	CHEST BLOOD	UNDETECTED
DRUGS	GASTRIC	UNDETECTED
DRUGS	BRAIN	UNDETECTED

  
Roger E. Mittleman, M.D.  
Associate Medical Examiner

Date 3/8/89

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IDENTIFICATION:

The body is identified by fingerprint examination and prints at Metro Police Department on October 25, 1988.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a moderately decomposed black female weighing 93 pounds, measuring 5 feet 2 inches. The facial features are distorted as a result of decompositional change. The external genitalia and anus are free of trauma. The irides cannot be perceived as a result of decomposition. The conjunctivae are blackened as a result of decompositional change which is also manifested by moderate bloating, venous suggillation, skin slippage and darkening of the skin. The fingernails are painted red. The toenails are also relatively partially painted red and there is a long left toenail. There is no external evidence of trauma. The hands, forearms, neck, and head are atraumatic. The dentition is not worn; however, there are abundant molar cavities and there is amalgam fillings present. The right lateral incisor has a chipped tooth with sharp edges. The lips and mucosal aspects of the oropharynx are without trauma.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

There is an estimated 100 ml of bloody fluid within the right and left chest cavities. The peritoneal cavity is free of fluid. There is a small amount of bloody fluid within the pericardial sac. The fluid is the result of decomposition and there is a moderate degree of decomposition of the internal viscera. There is no evidence of rib, pelvic, or vertebral fracture.

The nasal septum is intact. The mucosa is darkened and thickened due to early decomposition.

The 190 gram heart is of the usual size and shape. The myocardium is dark brown and without scarring. The coronary arteries are free of atherosclerotic disease. The cardiac valves are unremarkable. The aorta is free of atherosclerosis and unremarkable. The vertebral column is without arthritic change. The anterior portion of the rib cage has the usual noncalcified cartilage.

The right and left lungs weigh 460 and 490 grams, respectively. The pleural surfaces are smooth and glistening. The parenchyma is black-red, moist, and without consolidation. The tracheobronchial tree and pulmonary arteries are unremarkable.

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The liver weighs 770 grams and is brown and without cirrhosis or fatty change. The gallbladder is unremarkable. There is no evidence of lymphadenopathy. The axillary regions as well as the femoral regions are free of lymphadenopathy.

The 50 gram spleen is intact and the parenchyma is black.

Each kidney weighs 100 grams and the cortical surfaces are smooth. The corticomedullary junctions are distinct. The renal pelvis, ureters, and urinary bladder are unremarkable.

The pancreas, adrenal glands, and thyroid gland are unremarkable.

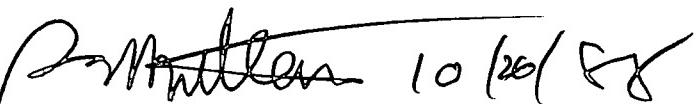
The gastrointestinal tract is unremarkable and the stomach contains an estimated 100 to 200 ml of brown creamy contents with a small piece of orange soft food resembling a portion of carrot.

The upper airways are free of obstruction. The neck is carefully examined, layer by layer, in terms of the musculature and no evidence of blood extravasation is found. The thyroid cartilage and hyoid bone are intact. The laryngeal mucosa is darkened as a result of decompositional change. No petechiae are identified. The sphenoid sinus is free of petechiae.

The cervical spine is without fracture. The spinal cord is friable, gray and soft and without blood extravasation. The 840 gram brain is soft and friable particularly along the cerebellum. There is no evidence of blood extravasation associated with the meninges. The brain tissue is gray and amorphous with poor definition of the remaining basal ganglia as a result of decomposition. The remains of the cerebral vasculature are without atherosclerosis.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS:

- 1) Pulmonary congestion
- 2) Moderate decompositional change



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Neck muscles:

(R) SCM - autolysis, bacteria

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tissue, (R) Shoulders - fibroadipose tissue  
and skeletal muscle with  
autolysis - no blood extravasation

tissue, (R) Thyroid area - autolysis of  
liver - autolysis, no coagulation,  
no fatty change

lung - severe autolysis

Heart - autolysis, no scarring

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Micro-Heart (adults)  
(14 1+2)

3/3/89

Random samples of LV fail to reveal abnormalities except for autolysis.

Samples of the AV node do not reveal abnormality except autolysis.

The region of the SA node was sampled but the node was not found due to the probability that it ~~was~~ was not removed from body or the fact that this decomposing heart was hard to sample. Possible Fibrosis vs autolysis is found & Trichrome stain ordered.



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macro - addendum

Slides of R atrium (2 H+E) revealed  
mild increase of interstitial fibrosis  
via trichrome stain

R Emmett

Slides reviewed with Dr. Morales (umsm)  
Etiology of above is not determined.

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Full Body, Female, anterior and posterior views

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Autopsy No. 88-3093

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1 1

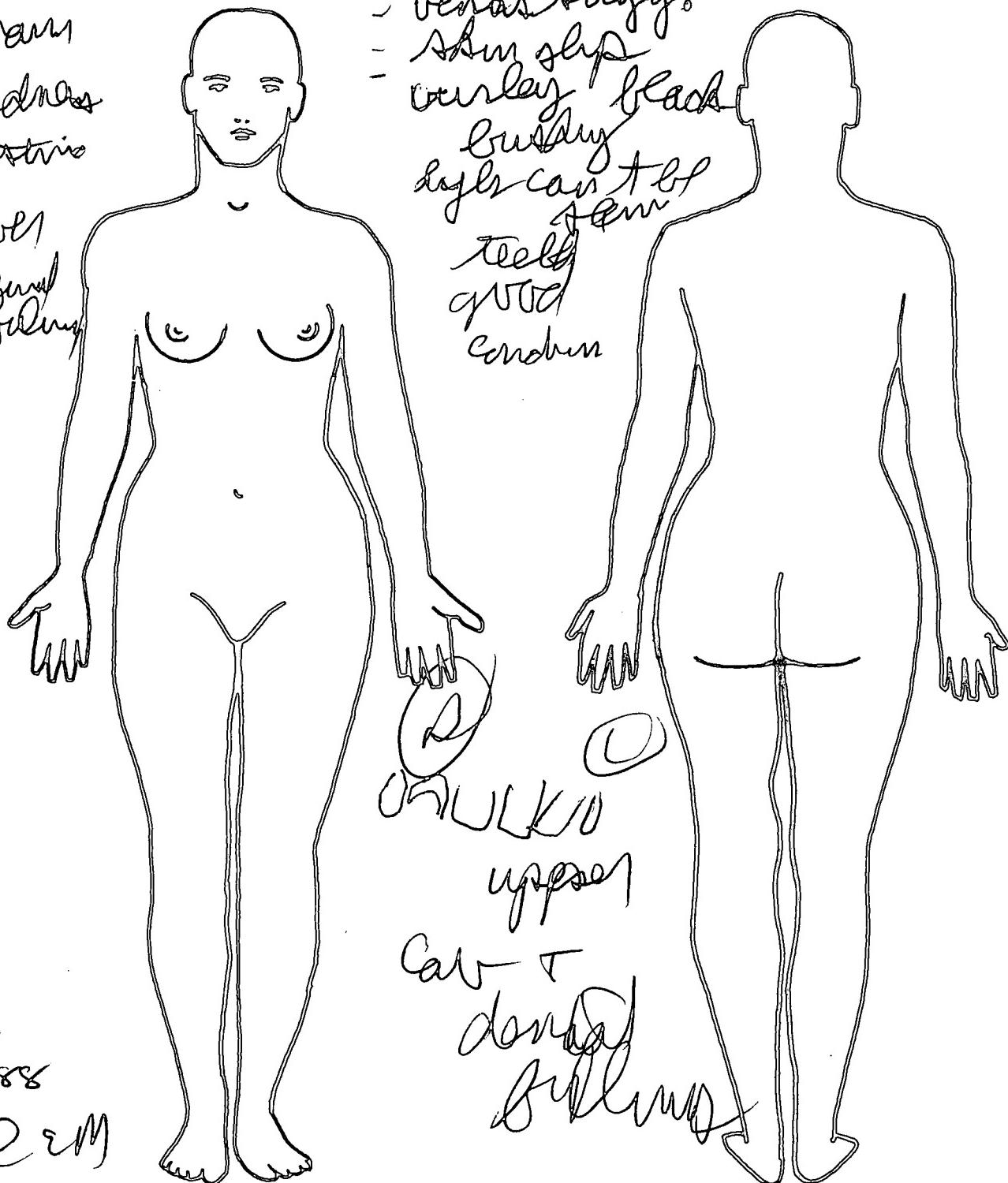
Brain

Kidneys

Gastric

Liver

Pleural  
Lungs



Local Plan<sup>d</sup>  
effusion  
Alveolar  
o<sup>f</sup>

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r 490  
720  
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## RELEASE OF CASE MATERIALS

Date

9 / 29 / 90

Month

Day

Year

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Deceased Name

SARAH BLACK

- Autopsy Report
- Slide Duplication / Photo
- Pages
- Verification of Death
- Glass Micro Slides
- Micro Slide Case

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Release to (Receiving Party Please Print):

Name

Address

Signature of Receiving Party

Official Receipt #

Remarks:

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Print Name

## Master List - Study of 19 Cases

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## Already Classified as Homicide

- 1 88-3093 Black, B.
- 2 89-243 Spikes, A
- 3 89-906 Williams, A
- 4 89-997 Hernandez, B

## Well preserved - not decomposed bodies

- 1 87-2006 Samuels, W
- 2 87-2017 Taylor, M
- 3 87-2633 Roriver, E
- 4 88-1055 Gray, S
- 5 88-3075 Edwards, S
- 6 88-3119 Lattimore, B
- 7 88-3575 Burns, N
- 8 89-323 Stewart, M
- 9 89-981 Gooden, P

## Decomposed or insect altered bodies - including skeletons

- 1 86-2512 Turner, T
- 2 88-2596 Henderson, J
- 3 88-2637 Johnson, L
- 4 88-3118 Rolle, K
- 5 89-346 Harris, V
- 6 89-883 Bodie, C

CASE REVIEW  
J. H. DAVIS, M.D.

NAME : Black, Barbara ME No.: 88-3093  
Age/Race: 25 B Police: MPD  
Date Found: 10/24/88 Police No.: 542563-2 Case 5115  
Coordinates: NW 8 Ave 73 st.  
Site Character: Back yard  
Position Supine Legs spread  
Clothing/Cover: Nude - Tan Towel around abdomen  
Preservation Status: Mod. Severe Decomposition with insects (partially removed)  
Photos Eyes: ) N/A Deep  
" Lips: )  
Ext. Neck:  
Int. Neck: 5 Nothing on dissection  
Cocaine/Blood: No cocaine or benzylcgonine found in chest or brain  
" Other:  
Alcohol: .07 Blood Chest .04  
Other Drug:  

EVIDENCE FOR		ACCIDENT
HOMICIDE		
A hair found		Nothing
Nude G		
Sav		
16 cocaine		

Note - Some pattern on  
rest of others But  
This one lacks any  
evidence of cocaine JHD  
This was class.fed as Homicide  
by REM/JHD

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SECTION B

# Dead women had links to rapist

By DONNA GEHRKE  
Herald Staff Writer

Where Charles Henry Williams went, women died.

Four were killed near his family home in Overtown. A fifth was a neighbor. Four more died in a North Dade prostitution zone where the tall baby-faced 32-year-old used to wander. Two others were found just outside the area. And two were murdered in a Brownsville neighborhood where he used to smoke crack.

Williams tells police it's coincidence.

Homicide detectives think it's a pattern.

Police say the convicted rapist is a suspect in these 13 slayings and five others, which date back more than two years. They called a press conference 2½ months ago to announce their suspicion. But they haven't yet charged



*Convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams, left, says connections to the dead women are a coincidence. Police see a pattern, but they haven't charged Williams with murder.*

Williams with murder.

The killings stopped once Williams was jailed last April on two unrelated rape charges.

"He's the best thing we've got," said Metro homicide Sgt. Frank Wesolowski, who

heads his department's investigation into 11 of the deaths. "He is the No. 1 suspect."

In recent weeks, The Herald has found more links to Williams and the deaths. Court records and interviews with police, witnesses and victims' families show:

■ At least three victims were seen with Williams on the day they died.

■ Two women who pressed the current rape charges against Williams say he tried to choke them to death in Brownsville — the same neighborhood where two victims died, within the same few weeks.

■ Another woman filed attempted-murder charges against Williams for a choking attack just hours after she had introduced him to one of her friends — who later was found murdered.

■ Williams frequented the same places — a crack den, a prostitution zone — that several of the victims did.

Williams is scheduled to go to trial next week on the two rape charges. The trial might

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# 3 victims were seen with rapist the day they died

**WILLIAMS, FROM 1B**

be postponed to give Williams' new court-appointed attorney, Howard Landau, a chance to prepare a defense.

Landau, who helped win an acquittal for Williams in a 1986 rape trial, won't comment on the case or the homicide investigation. Nor will he allow his client to speak to The Herald.

In statements to police, Williams has denied killing the women.

Born in Georgia, he grew up in a neatly kept Overtown townhouse with his mother, brother and sisters.

By 1986, he had been accused of seven rapes — including assaults on two 15-year-old schoolgirls — and was profiled in The Herald as a career criminal who knew how to plea bargain and beat the system.

His accusers describe the same modus operandi: He starts with sweet talk and suddenly turns vicious as he chokes his victims unconscious.

Two years ago when Williams was out of jail, young women started dying mysteriously in his Overtown neighborhood. They were found almost nude, their legs spread and no visible trauma.

Miami cops were puzzled. Initial autopsies turned up a new theory — later debunked by Medical Examiner Joe Davis — that the women died because they combined sex and cocaine once too often.



**VICTIM:** Brenda Hernandez was seen with Williams the day she was strangled.

They were well-known in the Overtown neighborhood as heavy crack-users.

So was Williams. "He'd say, 'I've got money. Let's get drugs,'" remembered neighbor Audrey Salles.

One of Williams' teen-age neighbors took him up on the offer in April 1988 — and was found dead hours later, said the victim's best friend, Aida Rodriguez, 17.

She said Williams offered her and 16-year-old Sharmanita Grays "some weed" when they went to the Bay Point Motel, 3530 Biscayne Blvd. Later, Rodriguez left her friend with a heavily perspiring, crack-using Williams who wouldn't let her back into the room.

That's the last time Rodriguez saw Grays alive. Her body was found hours later sprawled, legs apart and nearly nude, on a stairwell at the motel.

Rodriguez told Miami homicide investigators her suspicions. Miami police have since refused to discuss the case.

Since then, two other victims were seen with Williams on their last day.

In October 1988, Williams sought sex from prostitute Erica Edwards on the night she died near the hooker zone on Northwest 79th Street, said witness Beverly Gunder James.

She said Williams, identifying himself as "Tony," approached her on Oct. 22, 1988, at the Tropicana Bar, 1057 NW 79th St.

"He came out of the bushes," James said in a telephone interview. "He asked me where I was going, and I said to the bar. He asked if I 'dated' [slang for hooking], and I said no. He asked if I smoked cocaine and I said no. He asked me if I knew anyone who did."

"I said yes — Erica."

She said she then introduced him

to Edwards.

"I said, 'Erica, this is Tony. He seems like a nice guy. Be nice to him,'" Edwards said.

The next morning, Edwards' body was discovered in a nearby field. She had been dead for hours.

That same day, James told police, Williams grabbed her from behind and choked her. "He picked me off the ground and put a hook on me and I couldn't spring loose," she said.

"The man was on top of me," she added. "I was on my stomach."

A neighbor saw the attack and scared him off, she said.

Five days later — and after three more women had been found dead in the area — James spotted Williams at a friend's house near the hooker zone.

Metro police arrested him there on attempted second-degree murder charges.

He was released in early December after prosecutors dropped the case. They couldn't find James. She moved to Oklahoma soon after the assault.

Five months later, Williams was seen with victim Brenda Hernandez on the day she was strangled in an open field in Brownsville, police told her mother, Mercedes Hernandez.

The victim had lived just a few blocks from a crack den near J & J Groceries at 2656 NW 46th St. where Williams hung out.

Two other victims, Barbara Ann

Black and Barbara Lattimore, hung out at the same crack den, several witnesses said. "He liked the girls," remembered store owner John Bennett.

Williams was arrested at the crack den when he tried to run from detectives investigating Hernandez's murder.

While canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses, detectives ran into a woman who said Williams had raped her in the same neighborhood two weeks earlier.

She said she was initially fooled by his appearance. "A clean-cut guy," she noted.

She agreed to Williams' offer: \$10, two cocaine rocks and half a pound of marijuana for sex. The next thing she knew, he was choking her and forcing her to have sex.

"The man chokes you like he intends to kill you. It's not a choke where he's playing with you at all. He wants to kill you," she said in a

sworn statement.

"The look on the guy's face — it totally changed from that nice personality, nice gentleman, hard-working gentleman to a damn maniac," she testified.

Metro detectives charged Williams with rape.

Within a week, Miami police followed with another rape charge. A woman from Brownsville accused Williams of choking and raping her in March.

Since early April, Williams has been in jail, lately in solitary.

"He's there for his own protection based on his notoriety," said Dade Jail Lt. Jim Wood.

Williams passes his days watching TV or talking to another prisoner — Charlie Street, accused killer of two Metro officers.

Williams has impressed Lt. Wood with his politeness and quiet demeanor. "He seems calm and placid."

Nov. 6, 1989

MIAMI-HERALD

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# Suspect is linked to 19th slaying

By DONNA GEHRKE  
Herald Staff Writer

Charles Henry Williams, already the prime suspect in the slayings of 18 inner-city women, has been linked to the murder of another: a 20-year-old who, like three other victims, was seen with him on her last day alive.

Sandra Jackson, only four foot eight and 84 pounds, "was alone" with six-foot-three Williams, a convicted rapist known

for choking his victims, on March 23 after the two had visited with Jackson's cousin. Her body was found the next day in a wooded vacant lot at Northwest 13th Place and 38th Street.

Williams "was one of the last individuals seen with her alive," said

Sheriff Michael J. Dugan.

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# Convicted rapist linked to 19th slaying

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Tony Rodriguez, Miami homicide detective.

Like many of the 18 other victims, Jackson was found nude and asphyxiated in Northwest Dade, lying on her back with her legs spread.

Homicide detectives believe Williams, a baby-faced former maintenance worker, may be responsible for the 19 slayings — and perhaps more — because the methods of murder are strikingly similar.

"We've never had this many that seemed to fall into a pattern," said Dr. Joseph Davis, Dade's medical examiner.

Williams, 33, has been in the Dade County Jail for the past six months but has not been charged in any of the murders. He was charged with two counts of rape unrelated to the slayings. Metro and Miami homicide detectives say they don't have enough proof — even though he first murder came under investigation more than a year ago.

Williams has admitted to police that he knew some of the victims, but he has steadfastly denied killing anyone.

The slayings stopped once Williams was jailed in early April on the rape charges.

The first of the 19 victims — 18 of them black and one Hispanic — was found dead in July 1987.

Jackson was victim No. 15. The bodies of four other women were found before Williams was arrested in early April. Miami police did not disclose Jackson's connection to Williams and the other homicide victims until detectives recently gave depositions in court.

Jackson, a former cook in a sandwich shop, went by the name Sonia because she hated her given name. "She was my sweet baby," said her boyfriend Kirk Stevens, the father of her 2-year-old son, also named Kirk.

Like many of the other 18 victims, Jackson was a drug addict "doing tricks for crack," her family told investigators.

Just before her murder, she was desperately trying to break her

crack habit, said Vincent Lawrence, a distant relative who unsuccessfully tried to find a rehabilitation program for her. "I couldn't find anything free for her," he said.

On March 24, a man working in his yard found Jackson's strangled body next door in an overgrown lot in the Brownsville neighborhood. A brown coat covered her nude body. Her shoes were found nearby.

In the next 11 days, four more bodies of women were found. Two of them had been badly beaten and strangled, as Jackson was.

On March 26, the body of Angela Williams, 23, was found in an open field at Northwest 21st Avenue and 68th Street. The killer had beaten her face, breaking her jaw and teeth.

A week later, in another vacant lot at Northwest 23rd Avenue and 46th Street, children found the body of Brenda Hernandez, 24, whose chest and neck were battered like Jackson's.

Williams was picked up near the Hernandez murder site by homicide detectives a day after the body was found.

As in Jackson's case, witnesses saw Williams with Hernandez on the last day of her life.

Jailers later found scratches on Williams' back and fresh bite marks on his penis.

Metro homicide detective Joseph McMahon said Williams readily talked to homicide detectives.

Investigators said Williams told them he had been with some of the victims — but they were alive when he left them.

He said people in the neighborhood who say he is the murderer are picking on him. They didn't like him, Williams complained.

From canvassing Brownsville after the murders, police found at least two women who said they had survived attacks by Williams. The investigators and the alleged victims described the attacks in recent depositions.

One, an admitted prostitute, told McMahon that she had been raped and choked to unconsciousness in March by a man known on the streets as "Bumper" or "Bump."

McMahon showed her a Polaroid of Williams.

That's him, she said.

She said she hadn't gone to police sooner because she didn't think officers "give a damn about street hookers or prostitutes," McMahon said in a deposition.

The second victim said she was raped by Williams in the Brownsville neighborhood on March 18, six days before Jackson's body was found.

"She said at first he had grabbed her in a choke hold, putting his arm around her neck," Miami homicide detective Frank Castillo said in a deposition. "She said that he had her under control. She couldn't get away from him. The harder she would try to push away, the tighter the choke would get around her neck."

The two women pressed rape charges against Williams. He is scheduled to go to trial Nov. 13. But the trial is likely to be postponed — for a third time. Prosecutor Dennis Siegel is planning to be out of the state that week to attend a seminar.

Meanwhile, police remain close-mouthed about the homicide investigation.

Williams' defense attorney, Howard Landau, believes homicide in-

vestigators are now conducting genetic DNA tests to see if they can trace back to Williams any body fluids found on the victims. The tests are usually done to connect rapists to their victims, usually through semen.

Despite Landau's objections, the Dade state attorney's office recently obtained a court order to take blood and saliva samples from Williams.

Miami homicide detective Rodriguez wouldn't talk about the genetic tests. "We're following up every avenue that's available to us that can assist us in these investigations," he said.

Rodriguez and John Farrell, Metro chief of detectives, said officers have pursued dozens of leads without the breakthrough they were counting on.

"Unfortunately, we haven't been able to put together anything of significance," Rodriguez said. "It's just a shame. It's a tragedy. I really feel that somebody out there saw or heard something that could help us solve at least one of these cases."

"Serial killers don't stop killing," he said. "They either get arrested, they die or they move somewhere, and continue."

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M.E. Case # 88-3093 Deceased Name Barbara A. Black

- Autopsy Report  
 Slide Duplication / Photo  
3 Pages  
 Verification of Death  
 Glass Micro Slides  
 Micro Slide Case

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JMH Record Review

7/26/88 dental abscess  
BP- 110/56, P

2/87 110/75 amenorrhea

No significant medical illnesses  
detected

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Photos - Face + neck

- 1-10 overviews of Face + neck  
11-15 teeth (note: chipped @ lateral incisor)  
16 overview neck muscles  
17-19 SCM retracted  
20-24 Neck muscles exposed  
25-26 larynx retracted superorly  
27 ♂ side of larynx and hyoid  
28 ♀ side of larynx + hyoid  
29 larynx

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overviews of Body

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~~clothing~~

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Scene Photos

1 - overview of Scene from street / Body found  
between tree and Hedge

2-Q. overview of Scene & Body

10-13 location of clothing near tree across  
the Street in field

Note: Shoes & shorts right next to tree (slide 11)  
Turquoise socks in foreground

14-15 Body at scene after it is turned  
by REM/Police